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A. COMICEDEFOR 101915Z JAN 76

B. MY COL KNUTTY UR DUTY OFFICER HALL TELCON THIS DATE

1. (C) NOTE CONTENT ALLUDED TO REFS A & B FOLLOWS: QUOTE GRINDAVIK
10 JAN 76 TO THE COMMANDER OF THE NATO MILITARY STATION AT KEFLAVIK
AIRPORT -- WITH REFERENCE, TO THE LETTER DATED 14 DEC 75 TO YOU
FROM THOSE WHO WORK WITH FISHERIES WE HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE THE
GATE OF THE NATO COMMUNICATIONS STATION AT GRINDAVIK FOR ALL
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TRAFFIC OF DEVICES (VEHICLES) WHICH ARE UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL

OF NATO AND YOU HERE AT GRINDAVIK, WHILE NATO WARSHIPS THREATEN OUR COAST GUARD SHIPS. THESE ACTIONS ARE ONLY DIRECTED AGAINST THE NATO MILITARY STATION AT GRINDAVIK BUT NOT AGAINST AMERICAN EMPLOYEES WHO WORK HERE AND WE WILL NOT TROUBLE THEM BUT WE EXPECT THEM TO BE DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES OUTSIDE THE STATION. WE WILL NOT INTEFERE WITH EMERGENCIES AND ALL TRAVEL RESULT FROM SUCH WILL BE PERMITTED. WE EXPECT IMMEDIATE ACTION SO THAT WE WILL NOT BE FORCED TO UNDERTAKE OTHER, MORE RADICAL MEASURES. RESPECTFULLY, ON BEHALF OF SEAMEN AND OTHERS WHO STAND BEHIND THIS ACTION, (SIGNED BY OSKAR FILEMONNSSON, EDVARD JULIUSSON, SUGURSAELL EINARSSON). UNQUOTE.

2. (C) SUMMARY OF TEXT OF 14 DEC 75 LTR NOTED ABOVE PROVIDED TO ENSURE ADDEES THIS MESSAGE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVING SAME HOLD. QUOTE TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION, KEFLAVIK AIRPORT. THE UNDERSIGNED, PERSONS WORKING IN THE FISHING INDUSTRY, PROTEST AGAINST THE ATTACKS BY NATO WARSHIPS INTO ICELAND'S FISHING JURISDICTION. WE DEMAND, THAT THESE SHIPS WILL BE CALLED OUTSIDE THE FISHING JURISDICTION LIMITS IMMEDIATELY. WE HAVE BEEN OF THE OPINION, THAT THESE SHIPS WERE FOR OUR PROTECTION, NOT FOR ATTACKS AGAINST US. WE ARE OF THE OPINION, THAT THE FOUNDATION FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THIS MILITARY STATION FOR OUR DEFENSE HAS FAILED, WHEN WARSHIPS FROM NATO ARRIVE HERE TO THREATEN OUR LIFE INTERESTS. WE EMPHASIZE, THAT THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THAT THESE SAME NATO WARSHIPS ARRIVE HERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THREATENING OUR COAST GUARD SHIPS WHICH ARE PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES. IF NATO DOES NOT HALT THESE ATTACKS UPON OUR COAST GUARD SHIPS WE WILL BE COMPELLED TO PREPARE FOR CLOSING OF THE GATES TO THE MILITARY STATION. UNQUOTE. THIS LETTER IS SIGNED BY: GARDAR MAGNUSSON, HOSKULDARKOT, YTRI NJARDVIK. EDVARD JULIUSSON, MANAGATA 13, GRINDAVIK. GUNNLAUGUR KARLSSON, HOLABRAUT 7, KEFLAVIK. JON KR. JONSSON, TJARNARGATA 9, SANDGERDI. GUDMUNDUR AGUSTSSON, HLIDARENDI, VOGAR. THORSTEINN JOHANNESON, REYNISTADUR, GARDI.
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